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ANNUAL MEETING, SHEFFIELD, 1908.

THE seventy-sixth Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held at Sheffield in July, 1908. The President's address will be delivered on Tuesday, July 28th, in the Firth Hall of the University, and the Sections will meet on the three following days. The Annual Representative Meeting will begin at the close of the previous week, probably on Friday, July 24th.

The following are the general arrangements for the meeting, so far as they are as yet complete

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The Address in Medicine will be delivered by JAMES KINGSTON FOWLER, M.D., F.R.C.P.

The Address in Surgery will be delivered by RUTHERFOORD JOHN PYE-SMITH, F.R.C.S.

The Popular Lecture will be delivered by EDMUND OWEN, LL.D., F.R.C.S.

THE SECTIONS.

The scientific business of the meeting will be conducted in sixteen Sections which will meet on Wednesday, July 29th, Thursday, July 30th, and Friday, July 31st.

The President, Vice-Presidents, and Honorary Secretaries of each Section constitute a Committee of Reference for that Section, and exercise the power of inviting, accepting, or declining any paper, and of arranging the order in which accepted papers shall be read. Communications with respect to papers should be addressed to one of the Honorary Secretaries.

A paper read in the Section must not exceed fifteen minutes, and no subsequent speech must exceed ten minutes. Papers read are the property of the British Medical Association, and cannot be published elsewhere than in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL without special permission.

The following is a list of the Sections, with the names of the officers. The subjects selected for discussion in the various Sections will be published as soon as the arrangements of the committee of reference are completed.

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PROVISIONAL TIME TABLE.

FRIDAY, JULY 24TH.*

2 p.m.—Annual General Meeting, to be followed immediately by Representative Meeting.

SATURDAY, JULY 25TH.*

9.30 a.m.—Representative Meeting.

MONDAY, JULY 27TH.

9.30 a.m.—Representative Meeting.

TUESDAY, JULY 28TH.

9.30 a.m.—Representative Meeting, if necessary.
9.30 a.m.—Council Meeting.
12 noon.—Service at the Parish Church.
2.30 p.m.—Adjourned General Meeting.
Induction of President.
Representative Meeting, if necessary.
8.30 p.m.—President's Address.

* It is left to the President-elect, the Chairman of the Representative Meetings, and the Chairman of Council to decide if the business to come before the Representatives will necessitate a meeting on the Friday.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29TH.
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Sectional Meetings.
2.30 p.m.—Address in Medicine.
3.15 p.m.—Representative Meeting, if necessary.
8.30 p.m.—Reception.

THURSDAY, JULY 30TH.
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Sectional Meetings.
2.30 p.m.—Address in Surgery.
7.30 p.m.—Annual Dinner.

FRIDAY, JULY 31ST.
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Sectional Meetings.
8 p.m.—Popular Lecture.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST.
Excursions.

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Don House, Brightside, Sheffield.
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287, Glossop Road, Sheffield.

Meetings of Branches & Divisions.

[*The proceedings of the Divisions and Branches of the Association relating to Scientific and Clinical Medicine, when reported by the Honorary Secretaries, are published in the body of the* JOURNAL.]

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH.

Notification of Births Act, 1907.—Under the auspices of the Branch a meeting of the profession in Glasgow was held in the Faculty Hall on Tuesday, December 10th, 1907, for the purpose of considering what action the profession should take in view of the Corporation having adopted the Act. There was a very large attendance, and in the absence of the President of the Branch, Dr. LINDSAY STEVEN was asked to take the chair. Dr. HAMILTON read the notice calling the meeting, and made a short statement with reference to what had already been done in connexion with the Act by the Branch Council and a Joint Committee composed of representatives of all the medical societies of the city, and he laid before the meeting a statement which had been prepared by a sub-committee, which he hoped would be acceptable to the meeting. After discussion Dr. OLIPHANT moved:

> That this meeting do take action in the matter of approaching the Corporation of Glasgow in reference to the Notification of Births Act.

This motion was seconded by Dr. CORRIE, and carried unanimously. Dr. OLIPHANT further moved the adoption of the prepared statement read by Dr. HAMILTON. This motion was seconded by Dr. MUIR. Dr. WISHART KERR moved as an amendment:

> That it be remitted to a Committee to consider if the Notification of Births Act can be repealed, otherwise what amendments on the Act are possible and practicable.

Dr. MORTON seconded the amendment. After a discussion, the amendment was withdrawn, and the motion was carried unanimously. On the motion of Dr. HAMILTON, the following Committee was appointed as a deputation to approach the Corporation, namely, Dr. Nicol, Professor Stockman, Drs. Oliphant, Borland, Lindsay Steven, F. K. Monro, Service, W. L. Muir, Grant Andrew, and Hamilton. This was unanimously agreed to. It was also agreed that a copy of the report should be sent to the newspapers after it was submitted to the Corporation.

Deputation to Health Committee.—Consequent on this meeting, the appointed deputation met the Health Committee of the Town Council on December 24th, 1907, and presented the following memorial for their consideration, namely:

REPRESENTATION OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION OF GLASGOW WITH RESPECT TO THE NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS ACT, 1907.

At a meeting of the members of the medical profession in the City of Glasgow, held in the Faculty Hall, on December 10th, 1907, it was resolved to appoint a deputation to lay the following representation before the Corporation of the City:

The medical profession of the City has already, through a deputation, when the Omnibus Bill was under consideration last spring, assured the Corporation of its entire sympathy with the object of the Bill, namely, the reduction of the infantile mortality amongst the poorer and less-informed classes of the community; but the profession is of opinion that the means by which this object is sought to be attained in the Notification Act, in the form in which it has emerged from Parliament, are clumsy, and in certain respects of a highly objectionable character.

The provisions of the Act involve in many instances an unnecessary invasion of the privacy of the homes of the citizens, and they place the family doctor in the position of a spy and informer in relation to his patients. Under the oath which has been imposed upon members of the medical profession from time immemorial, every medical man on his entrance into the profession declares that he will not knowingly or intentionally do anything to the hurt or prejudice of persons committing themselves or committed to his care and direction, "for any consideration, or from any motive whatever," or divulge any secret committed to his charge. This obligation is one of the most honourable and most honoured traditions of the profession. It is an obligation imposed upon the profession in every civilized country in the world. It is an *ethical* obligation of higher validity than the Notification of Births Act.

When the Notification of Births Bill was before Parliament the medical profession urged the Government to drop the clause imposing upon medical men the invidious obligation of reporting to the Local Authority the occurrence of all births to which they may be called in. They pointed out that the cases with which the Bill was intended to deal were not, for the most part, attended by medical men. This fact has been illustrated in recent reports by the Medical Officer to the Corporation, in which he has shown that in the Cowcaddens district of the City, for instance, in which the infantile mortality is deplorably high, there was no medical man in attendance in 78 per cent of the births investigated.

It was urged as against the obligations of the medical oath that the public weal is the supreme law. That observation is irrelevant in this connexion. It may be necessary to the public weal that there should be early notification of births under certain circumstances, but it is not necessary to that end that medical men should be made public informers.

The requirements of the Act, if pressed indiscriminately, will in certain instances involve consequences of the most distressing character. There will be cases, not, unfortunately, very uncommon, in which young girls in respectable families would come within the purview of the Act, under circumstances of shame and anguish. It may be taken for granted that members of the medical profession, in such cases, may not be deterred by any fear of the imposition of penalties from fulfilling the obligations of the medical oath.

It was urged in Parliament that the obligation sought to be imposed upon medical men had a precedent in the case of the Notification of Infectious Diseases. There is no analogy. In the matter of infectious disease *an expert opinion* is required, such as only a medical man can give. In the matter of Notification of Births all that is in question is the intimation of *a fact*—which can be given as well by a non-medical person as by a medical man.

In consequence of such representations in Parliament the Bill was blocked, and the block was only removed on the understanding that the compulsory notification by the medical man should be dropped. The profession was out-manœuvred on that occasion, and the Bill was passed as it stands.

It is the present intention of the medical profession to bring the matter before Parliament in the ensuing session, with a view to securing the withdrawal of the objectionable and unnecessary clause.

Having regard to the assurance which was given to the deputation which waited upon the Parliamentary Bills Committee when the Omnibus Bill was under consideration—that the obligation upon medical men to notify births would be dropped, and to the loyal support afforded by the profession to the further progress of the Bill, the medical profession of the City entertain the confident belief that the Corporation will act with discrimination in the administration of the Act. The profession propose, in the case of each birth in connexion with which they are called in, to place in the hands of the father, or other responsible person, a simple form of notification, with directions for its transmission to the medical officer of health. They respectfully invite the Corporation without adopting any resolution on the subject, to accept such notification as falling within the scope of the exemption clause of the Act, which provides that no person shall be liable to a penalty if he has reasonable grounds to believe that notice has been duly given by some other person.

The medical profession of the City desire, further, respect-

fully to suggest that a matter of such delicacy as the intimation of a birth should be communicated, not upon an open postcard, but under cover.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

JOHN LINDSAY STEVEN, *Chairman.*
RALPH STOCKMAN.
E. H. LAWRENCE OLIPHANT.
THOS. K. MONRO.
R. M'C SERVICE.
HUGH H. BORLAND.
W. L. MUIR.
J. GRANT ANDREW.
JAMES HAMILTON.

December, 1907.

Association Notices.

COUNCIL MEETING.

A MEETING of the Council will be held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, January 29th, in the Board Room of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, by kind permission of the Board. The offices of the Metropolitan Asylums Board are situate on the Victoria Embankment at the corner of Carmelite Street and near Blackfriars Bridge.

GUY ELLISTON,
Jan. 2nd, 1908. *General Secretary.*

THE LIBRARY OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.

OWING to the rebuilding of the Association premises in the Strand the Library is closed, but at the Temporary Offices of the Association, 6, Catherine Street, Strand (adjoining Drury Lane Theatre), a Reading and Writing Room is provided. The Room will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., except on Saturdays, when it will be closed at 2 p.m.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: TOTTENHAM DIVISION—The next general meeting of the Tottenham Division will be held at the rooms of the Hornsey Conservative Association (opposite Finsbury Park Station) on Friday, January 10th, at 9.15 p.m. Agenda:—(1) Address by Dr. Wilfrid Harris on headaches; (2) revision of the divisional rules; (3) adoption of rules in regard to ethical cases; (4) annual report of Divisional Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.—H. F. STAUNTON, M.D., Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, 88, High Road, Wood Green, N.

MIDLAND BRANCH.—Arrangements are being made for a meeting of the Branch Council (Midland) to be held at the Royal Infirmary, Derby, on Thursday afternoon, January 23rd.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: GUILDFORD DIVISION.—A special meeting of this Division will be held on Wednesday, January 8th, at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, at 4.30 p.m. Agenda: (1) Notification of Births Act: To consider whether any steps should be taken by the Division to protest against the adoption of this Act locally. (2) Medical Inspection of School Children (see SUPPLEMENT to JOURNAL, December 21st, 1907). (3) Any other business. As the above-mentioned matters are of special importance to all medical men, and of some urgency owing to the fact that local authorities are now being required to consider them, it is hoped that as many members as possible will endeavour to attend this meeting.—E. J. SMYTH, Honorary Secretary, Maythorne, Guildford.

WEST SOMERSET BRANCH.—A special meeting of the Branch will be held at the Taunton and Somerset Hospital on Tuesday, January 7th, at 3.30 p.m., when Dr. G. W. Harvey Bird, the President, will take the chair, to consider the new Act of Parliament which provides for the medical inspection of school children, and which in many ways affects the interests of medical practitioners, and raises a number of questions which it is desirable that the members of the Branch should discuss with a view to common action. The report of the Medico-Political Committee of the Association on this subject will be found in the SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of December 21st, 1907. It is particularly hoped that until after this meeting no medical men in West Somerset will accept any post which may be offered them in connexion with this Act. Notification of Births Act: Dr. Macdonald will move the following resolution: "That this Branch protests against the adoption of the Notification of Births Act in its present form." Tea will be provided after the meeting.—W. B. WINCKWORTH, Honorary Secretary.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS AMENDMENT ACT, 1907.

THE Local Government Board in England and Wales has issued the following circular letter to Councils of Municipal Boroughs and Urban and Rural Districts:

Local Government Board,
Whitehall, S.W.,
December 23rd, 1907.

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board to communicate with the Council on the subject of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907 (7 Edw. 7, c. 53), which comes into force on the 1st day of January next.

The object of the Act is to enable Sanitary Authorities outside London to obtain when requisite, and without incurring the trouble and expense involved in promoting Bills for local Acts, various additional powers which are based upon provisions in local Acts passed in recent Sessions of Parliament.

The Act, which is to be construed as one with the Public Health Acts, is divided into ten Parts. The first, which contains enactments of a general character necessary for giving effect to the rest of the measure, extends to the whole of England and Wales exclusive of the Administrative County of London. The other Parts, or any sections in them, only extend to the district of any local authority to which all or any of them are applied by an Order of the Board, or, as regards Parts VII., VIII., and IX., or any sections of those Parts, by an Order of the Secretary of State.

By "Local Authority" in the Act and in this Circular is meant an Urban Sanitary Authority, an Urban District Council or a Rural District Council. Consequently any Part or section of the Act may be applied to any borough outside London, or to any other urban district, or to the district of any Rural District Council. Moreover, in the case of a rural district, any Part or section may be applied to any contributory place in the district.

Parts II. to X. of the Act relate to Streets and Buildings (Part II.), Sanitary Provisions (Part III.), Infectious Diseases (Part IV.), Common Lodging Houses (Part V.), Recreation Grounds (Part VI.), Police (Part VII.), Fire Brigade (Part VIII.), Sky Signs (Part IX.), and Miscellaneous Provisions (Part X.).

Parts VII., VIII. and IX. do not come within the jurisdiction of the Board. As already mentioned, these Parts or any sections of them can only be put in force by an Order of the Secretary of State, and any correspondence in relation to them should be addressed to the Home Office and not to the Board.

In what follows, references to Parts of the Act are not intended to include references to Parts VII., VIII., and IX.

The Board do not think it necessary in this circular to give in detail the effect of the provisions in the several Parts of the Act. The general object of them will be gathered from the headings of the Parts. The Board's present purpose is to draw attention more particularly to those provisions of the Act which prescribe the procedure for applying enactments in it to any particular locality, and which are contained in Section 3.

Under that section the Board are empowered, upon the application of a Local Authority, by Order to be published in such manner as the Board direct, to declare any Part or any section of the Act to be in force in the district of the Authority, or where they are a Rural District Council in any contributory place in their district, and also to declare any enactments in any local Act which appear to the Board to contain provisions similar to or inconsistent with any such Part or section to be no longer in force in that district or contributory place (Section 3 (1)).

In considering whether application should be made to have any Part or section of the Act put in force, the Local Authority should have regard to the circumstances and needs of the locality. They should cause any local Act in force in their district to be carefully examined in order to ascertain whether it contains any provision bearing on the subject-matter of any Part or section of the present Act which they desire to have put in force.

The Board will be ready to give attention to applications under the Act, but they think that such applications should not be made unless the Local Authority are satisfied that the powers sought are really needed.

It is necessary that the Local Authority should two weeks at least before applying to the Board for an Order, give notice of their intention to make the application by advertising the same once at least in one or more of the newspapers circulating in their district in each of two successive weeks, and no Order is to be made until proof of the advertisement has been given to the satisfaction of the Board, and until at least one month has elapsed after the date of such advertisement (Section 3 (2)).

The application, which should not be made until after the expiration of two weeks from the date of the second week's advertisement, should be by resolution of the Local Authority asking the Board to put in force any specified Part or section of the Act which the Local Authority desire to have applied to their district, and in the case of a Rural District Council should state whether the application relates to the whole district, or to specified contributory places in it. A copy of the resolution, certified by the Clerk, should be forwarded to the Board, and at the same time they should be furnished with a Statutory Declaration to be made by the Clerk, verifying the fact of the issue of the necessary advertisements, and having copies of the newspapers in which the advertisements were published annexed to it as exhibits.

The Board think that it will be found convenient if before a Local Authority publish any advertisement or make any formal application for an Order under Section 3 they forward to the Board drafts of the proposed advertisement and resolution. These should be accompanied by a statement setting out as regards each Part or each section of the Act to which the proposal relates the grounds upon which it is made. A list of any local Acts in force in the district and of any Provisional Orders altering such Acts should also be supplied, and if any of them contain provisions bearing on the subject matter of any Part or section included in the proposed application, a copy of the local Act or Order should be forwarded, and a reference should be given to the provisions in it which are in question. If there is no local Act in force, this should be stated. This procedure will enable the Board to consider the proposal before any advertisement is issued, and, if necessary, to make suggestions for its amendment.

The Board's Order may specify conditions subject to which any Part or any section of the Act is to be in force in the district, and where, in the opinion of the Board, the circumstances so require, the Order may, in relation to that district, declare any Part or any section of the Act to be in force subject to such necessary adaptations as are specified in it. A statement of the effect of each Order specifying conditions or adaptations that may thus be made is to be published in the *London Gazette* as well as in any other manner directed by the Board (Section 3 (3)).

The Board will, when making any Order under the provisions of the Act, give all necessary directions as to the manner of its publication.

The Board desire to take this opportunity of calling attention shortly to various other provisions contained in Part I. of the Act, which, as already explained, is of general application.

Section 2 (4) provides that any bylaws made under any enactment for which any provisions of the Act are substituted shall remain in force as if the bylaws had been made under the corresponding provisions of the present Act.

Section 4 provides for the expenses incurred or payable by local authorities in the execution of the Act. It directs that all such expenses not otherwise provided for may be charged and defrayed, in the case of an Urban Sanitary Authority or Urban District Council, as part of the expenses incurred by them in the execution of the Public Health Acts, and that, in the case of a Rural District Council, they shall, subject to any power of the Board under any Act to order the contrary, be charged and defrayed as a part of their general expenses under those Acts.

Section 5 empowers the Board to direct any inquiries to be held by their Inspectors which they deem necessary in regard to the exercise of any powers conferred upon them under the Act, and makes the necessary provisions on the subject

Section 6 provides that offences under the Act or under any bylaw made under its powers or under the powers of the Public Health Act, 1875, or any enactment amending or extending that Act, may be prosecuted, and penalties, forfeitures, costs, and expenses recovered, in like manner and subject to the same provisions as offences which may be prosecuted, and penalties, forfeitures, costs, and expenses which may be recovered, in a summary manner under the Public Health Acts.

Subsection (1) of Section 7 gives a power of appeal in certain cases to a Court of Quarter Sessions. It applies where any person is aggrieved (*a*) by any order, judgement, determination, or requirement of a local authority under the Act; (*b*) by the withholding of any order, certificate, licence, consent, or approval which may be made, granted, or given by a local authority under the Act; or (*c*) by any conviction or order of a court of summary jurisdiction under any provision of the Act. Subsection (2), however, provides that where a person deems himself aggrieved by the decision of the authority in any case in which, under the present Act, they are empowered to recover in a summary manner any expenses incurred by them, or to declare the expenses to be private improvement expenses, Section 268 of the Public Health Act, 1875, shall apply. The power of appeal given by Subsection (1) of Section 7 of the present Act will not apply in any such case whether arising under that Act or under the Public Health Act, but cases in which an appeal to a court of summary jurisdiction in relation to any requirement of the local authority, or to any expenses as above mentioned, is expressly authorized by the present Act, are excepted from the operation of Subsection (2).

Section 9 makes applicable to bylaws made by a local authority under the present Act the provisions with respect to bylaws contained in Sections 182 to 186 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and any enactment amended or extended by those sections.

Section 13 defines several of the expressions used in the Act, and provides that other expressions to which a special meaning is assigned by the Public Health Act, 1875, shall have the same meaning in the present Act as they have in that Act.

This circular will be placed on sale, so that copies may shortly be obtained from Messrs. Wyman and Sons, Limited, Fetter Lane, E.C., either directly or through any bookseller.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
S. B. PROVIS,
Secretary.

The Town Clerk, *or*
The Clerk to the Urban District Council, *or*
The Clerk to the Rural District Council.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

A MEETING of the Central Midwives Board was held at Caxton House, Westminster, on December 19th, with Dr. F. H. CHAMPNEYS in the chair.

The Coombe Lying-in Hospital.

The CHAIRMAN made a statement in regard to a report from two of the Manchester examiners as to the insufficient training of a candidate at the October examination held in Manchester, and said that resolutions had been duly passed by the Board to the effect that, in consequence of irregularities, the name of the Coombe Lying-in Hospital, Dublin, be removed from the list of recognized training schools, and that the facts and documents relating to the case be reported to the General Medical Council and to the Privy Council.

Training of Midwives.

A letter was received from the Clerk of the Privy Council transmitting a copy of a letter from the Local Government Board, enclosing a letter from the Executive Committee of the Rural Midwives' Association, in regard to the question of the training of midwives, and the possibility of the grant of State aid towards the cost of such training. The letter was referred to the Standing Committee.

The Roll of Midwives.

On the motion of Dr. STANLEY B. ATKINSON, the following resolutions were adopted:

That in the case of a midwife struck off the Roll upon consideration of depositions taken at a coroner's inquisition, the Coroner be informed of the result.

That upon application being made for the restoration of the name of a midwife to the Roll, the local supervising authority under which she practised be notified of the fact at once.

Letters were considered from Mr. W. Schröder, Deputy Coroner for Central London, and Honorary Secretary of the Coroners' Society, asking the Board to furnish the coroners of England and Wales with an annual copy of the Midwives Roll, or in the alternative that the local supervising authorities of England and Wales should furnish copies of the local Rolls. The Board decided to refer the matter to the Privy Council.

The Term "Infectious Disease."

Letters were considered from Dr. G. F. Sydenham, of Dulverton, asking the Board to define the term "Infectious Disease," and the Board decided that Dr. Sydenham be referred to the rules as regards the necessity for disinfection, and to the local supervising authority as regards the method and cost of the same.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVY MEDICAL SERVICE.

DEPUTY INSPECTOR-GENERAL W. E. BRETON, M.D., is promoted to be Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets, December 31st, 1907. He was appointed Surgeon, September 30th, 1875; Staff Surgeon, September 30th, 1886; Fleet Surgeon February 24th, 1895; and Deputy Inspector-General, August 12th, 1902. He has no war record.

Fleet-Surgeon F. J. LILLY is promoted to be Deputy Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets, December 31st, 1907. His previous commissions are dated—Surgeon, February 11th, 1884; Staff Surgeon, February 11th, 1896; Fleet Surgeon, October 21st, 1896. Whilst Surgeon of the *Rifleman* he was in the Yonnie expedition, 1887; as Surgeon of the *Blanche*, he accompanied an escort of twenty-five men to Witu, in July, 1893, to take over the district from the I.B.E.A. Company, and to confer with a turbulent chief, Fumo Omari; in August, 1893, was medical officer in charge of Naval Brigade and of Zanzibar and Soudanese troops to punish the above chief, who was the terror of the surrounding country. He was present at engagements at Pumwani on August 7th and at Jongeni on August 13th (mentioned in dispatches, medal with clasp). Staff Surgeon of *Forte* during the war in South Africa, 1899, April, 1900; landed with force from Cape Squadron, for defence of Durban; served in blockading squadron off Delagoa Bay; was in medical charge of Naval Brigade attached to Natal Field Force, and was present with the Ladysmith Relief Column at the battles of Colenso, Spion Kop, Vaal Kranz, Haarte's Hill, Pieter's Hill, and Elandslaaghte (mentioned in dispatches; promoted to Fleet Surgeon, October, 1900, for services in the war). Fleet Surgeon of flagship *Doris* in Gambia punitive expedition in January, 1901 (medal with clasp). Was in charge of base hospital at Tendeba, River Gambia, and afterwards assisted with the military sick and wounded in the Colonial Hospital, Bathurst (mentioned in dispatches, medal with two clasps).

Inspector-General J. C. B. MACLEAN, M.B., M.A., has been placed on the retired list at his own request, December 31st, 1907. He entered the service as Surgeon, March 30th 1872; became Staff Surgeon, July 11th, 1882; Fleet Surgeon, December 23rd, 1890; Deputy Inspector-General, April 5th, 1898 and Inspector-General, December 5th, 1904. As Surgeon of the *Alexandra* he was present at the bombardment of the Alexandria Forts in 1882 (for which he was promoted) and during the Egyptian war, receiving a medal with clasp and the Khedive's bronze star.

Fleet Surgeon W. G. STOTT, M.B., has been placed on the retired list at his own request, December 29th, 1907. He was appointed Surgeon, August 17th, 1887, and promoted to be Fleet Surgeon, August 17th, 1903.

The following appointments have been made at the Admiralty: HENRY F. ILIEWICZ, Fleet Surgeon, to the *President*, additional, for three months' course at the London and the West London Hospitals, January 1st; MALCOLM CAMERON, M.B., Staff Surgeon, to the *Indefatigable*, additional, January 7th, and on recommissioning, undated; JOHN N. ROBERTSON, M.B., Surgeon, to the *President*, additional, for three months' course at West London Hospital, December 16th, 1907; EDWIN POLLIOTT, Staff Surgeon, to the *Hindustan*, January 7th; EDWARD B. TOWNSEND, Fleet Surgeon, to the *Victory*, January 1st; JOHN MENARRY, M.D., Fleet Surgeon, to the *Terrible*, January 1st.

B. CONNOLLY, civil practitioner, has been appointed Surgeon and Agent for Morris Castle.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL H. S. MATHIAS, D.S.O., has been appointed Secretary to the Principal Medical Officer, India, vice Captain E. B. Knox, M.D., from October 21st, 1907.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. J. MACNAMARA, M.D., late of the Royal Army Medical Corps, has been appointed Recruiting Medical Officer at Dublin, vice Lieutenant-Colonel J. Latchford, retired pay.

ARMY MEDICAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

SURGEON-MAJOR R. B. GRAHAM to be Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, December 17th, 1907.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL A. W. ALCOCK, C.I.E., M.B., Bengal, is permitted to retire from the service, from December 29th, 1907. He was appointed Surgeon, October 1st, 1885; Surgeon-Major, October 1st, 1897; and Lieutenant-Colonel, October 1st, 1905. He has no war record in the Army Lists.

The retirement is also announced of Lieutenant-Colonel H. HERBERT, Bombay Establishment, dated October 29th, 1907. His commissions bear date: Surgeon, March 31st, 1887; Major, March 31st, 1899; and Lieutenant-Colonel, March 31st, 1907. He was present in the operations of the Zaila Field Force in 1890.

Captain S. R. DOUGLAS also has retired from the service, from September 15th, 1907. He joined as Surgeon-Lieutenant, January 28th, 1898; was made Captain, January 20th, 1901; and was placed on half-pay, September 15th, 1905.

Captain H. H. KIDDLE, I.M.S., and Captain W. H. ODLUM, R.A.M.C., are permitted to exchange.

VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

SURGEON-LIEUTENANT H. DODGSON, 3rd (Cumberland) Volunteer Battalion the Border Regiment, to be Surgeon-Captain, October 31st, 1907.

JOHN A. SWINDALE to be Surgeon-Lieutenant in the 1st Volunteer Battalion the Hampshire Regiment, November 19th, 1907.

Surgeon-Lieutenant W. P. THOMAS, M.D., 1st Volunteer Battalion the Northamptonshire Regiment, to be Surgeon-Captain, November 21st, 1907.

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LIEUTENANT-COLONEL AND HONORARY COLONEL F. L. STEPHENSON, C.B., M.B., retired (lately Commanding), is appointed to the Honorary Colonelcy of the Woolwich Companies, Eastern Command, vice Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel W. Collingridge, M.D., retired (late Militia Medical Staff Corps), who vacates that appointment, October 16th, 1907.

Lieutenant W. McG. YOUNG, M.D., Leeds Companies, Northern Command, to be Captain, November 7th, 1907.

CECIL W. HUTT to be Lieutenant in the Manchester Companies, Western Command, November 19th, 1907.

Lieutenant H. W. PRITCHARD, Manchester Companies, to be Captain, November 22nd, 1907.

CREIGHTON H. LINDSAY, M.D., to be Lieutenant in the Manchester Companies, November 25th, 1907.

Vital Statistics.

HEALTH OF ENGLISH TOWNS.

IN seventy-six of the largest English towns, including London, 8,437 births and 5,160 deaths were registered during the week ending December 21st, 1907. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 16.0 and 16.1 in the two preceding weeks, further rose to 16.8 in the week under notice. The rates in the several towns ranged from 6.0 in Bournemouth, 8.0 in East Ham, 8.7 in Handsworth (Staffs), 9.3 in Hornsey, 9.9 in Great Yarmouth, and 10.2 in Middlesbrough, to 21.7 in Oldham, 22.5 in Swansea, 24.1 in Sunderland, 24.2 in Rotherham, 25.6 in Bootle, 25.7 in Tynemouth, 26.0 in Merthyr Tydfil, and 28.9 in Preston. In London the rate of mortality was equal to 16.3 per 1,000, while among the seventy-five other large towns the rate averaged 17.0 per 1,000. The principal infectious diseases caused a death-rate of 1.3 per 1,000 in the seventy-six towns; in London this death-rate was equal to 1.0 per 1,000, while among the other towns the highest death-rates from these diseases were 2.8 in Willesden, 2.9 in Ipswich, 3.1 in Aston Manor and in Salford, 3.8 in Tynemouth, 4.8 in Rhondda, 5.1 in Barrow-in-Furness, and 6.2 in Bootle. Measles caused a death-rate of 1.7 in Gateshead, 1.8 in Salford, 1.9 in Leeds, 2.1 in Willesden, 3.6 in Rhondda, 3.8 in Tynemouth, and 5.1 in Barrow-in-Furness: scarlet fever of 1.0 in Burnley; diphtheria of 1.0 in Hull, and 1.6 in Hanley and in Bootle; whooping-cough of 1.1 in Northampton, 1.2 in Rochdale, 1.3 in Sunderland, 1.4 in Ipswich and in King's Norton, 2.5 in Aston Manor, and 4.7 in Bootle; and diarrhoea of 1.4 in Merthyr Tydfil. The mortality from enteric fever showed no marked excess in any of the large towns, and no fatal case of small-pox was registered during the week. The number of scarlet-fever patients under treatment in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals and the London Fever Hospital, which had been 5,676, 5,581, and 5,352 at the end of the three preceding weeks, had further declined to 5,035 on December 21st, 1907: 447 new cases were admitted during the week, against 623, 554, and 500 in the three preceding weeks.

During the week ending Saturday last, December 28th, 1907, 5,860 births and 4,527 deaths were registered in seventy-six of the largest English towns. The annual rate of mortality in these towns decreased to 14.7 per 1,000, having been 16.0, 16.1 and 16.8 in the three preceding weeks. The lowest death-rates in the seventy-six towns last week were 6.9 in Kings Norton, 7.0 in Hastings, 7.4 in Southampton, 7.6 in East Ham, 8.0 in Willesden, and 8.1 in Hornsey and in Tottenham; the highest rates were 20.0 in Salford, 20.4 in Newcastle-on-Tyne, 20.7 in Stockton-on-Tees, 22.8 in Rhondda, 23.5 in Wigan, 23.6 in Ipswich, and 24.4 in South Shields. In London the death-rate was 14.5 per 1,000, while it averaged 14.8 per 1,000 in the seventy-five other large towns. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases averaged 1.2 per 1,000; in London the death-rate from these diseases was 0.9 per 1,000, while among the seventy-five other large towns the rates ranged upwards to 3.0 in West Bromwich, 3.1 in Bootle, 3.2 in Swansea, 3.3 in Sunderland, 3.6 in Rhondda, 3.9 in Burton-on-Trent, 4.8 in Tynemouth, and 9.3 in Ipswich. Measles caused a death-rate of 1.6 in Bootle, 1.7 in Barrow-in-Furness and in Leeds, 2.7 in Swansea, 2.9 in Burton-on-Trent, 3.8 in Tynemouth, and 7.2 in Ipswich; scarlet fever of 1.1 in Walsall, 2.1 in Newport (Mon.), and 2.3 in West Bromwich; diphtheria of 1.3 in Norwich; whooping cough of 1.1 in Northampton, 1.3 in Devonport, in Aston Manor, in Sunderland, and in Newcastle-on-Tyne, 1.4 in Ipswich, and 1.6 in Hanley and in Bootle: and "fever" of 1.1 in Northampton. The mortality from diarrhoea showed no marked excess in any of the large towns, and no death from small-pox was registered during the week. There were 4,999 scarlet fever patients remaining under treatment in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals and the London Fever Hospital, against 5,581, 5,352, and 5,035 at the end of the three preceding weeks: 353 new cases were admitted during the week, against 554, 500, and 447 in the three preceding weeks.

HEALTH OF SCOTTISH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday, December 21st, 1907, 864 births and 724 deaths were registered in eight of the principal Scottish towns. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 19.3, 20.6, and 20.0 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, rose again to 20.8 per 1,000 in the week under notice, and was 4.0 per 1,000 above the mean rate during the same period in the seventy-six large English towns. Among these Scottish towns the death-rates ranged from 13.7 in Aberdeen and 18.0 in Edinburgh, to 27.4 in Leith and 30.5 in Dundee. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases

averaged 3.3 per 1,000, the highest rates being recorded in Greenock and Perth. The 338 deaths registered in Glasgow included 35 which were referred to measles, 11 to whooping-cough, 8 to diarrhoea, 3 to diphtheria, 3 to cerebro-spinal meningitis, and 2 to enteric fever. Four fatal cases of whooping-cough were recorded in Edinburgh; 10 of measles and 4 of diarrhoea in Dundee; 4 of whooping-cough in Aberdeen; 3 of diphtheria and 2 of cerebro-spinal meningitis in Paisley; 2 of diptheria in Leith; 5 of measles and 2 of whooping-cough in Greenock; and 3 of whooping-cough in Perth.

In eight of the principal Scottish towns 864 births and 632 deaths were registered during the week ending Saturday last, December 28th, 1907. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 20.6, 20.0, and 20 8 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, declined last week to 18 2 per 1,000, but was 3.5 per 1,000 above the mean rate in the seventy-six large English towns during the same week. The lowest death-rates in the Scottish towns were 12 5 in Leith and 13 2 in Aberdeen; the highest rates were 24.2 in Greenock and 25 4 in Perth. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases averaged 3.1 per 1,000 in the eight towns, the highest rates from these diseases being recorded in Greenock and Perth. The 317 deaths recorded in Glasgow included 38 which were referred to measles, 3 to scarlet fever, 4 to diphtheria, 6 to whooping-cough, 3 to cerebro-spinal meningitis and 5 to diarrhoea. Three fatal cases of whooping cough and 2 of diarrhoea were recorded in Edinburgh; 8 of measles, 3 of whooping-cough and 2 of diarrhoea in Dundee; 2 of measles and 3 of diarrhoea in Aberdeen; 2 of diarrhoea in Paisley; 3 of whooping-cough in Leith; 4 of measles and 2 of whooping-cough in Greenock; and 6 of whooping-cough in Perth.

HEALTH OF IRISH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday, December 21st, 1907, 483 births and 430 deaths were registered in six of the principal Irish towns, as against 463 births and 425 deaths in the preceding period. The annual death-rate in these towns, which had been 20 5, 22 8, and 22.2 per 1 000 in the three preceding weeks, fell to 21 3 per 1,000 in the week under notice, this figure being 4 5 per 1,000 higher than the mean annual rate for the seventy-six English towns for the corresponding period The figures ranged from 9.7 in Waterford and 17 2 in Londonderry to 25.0 in Dublin and 32 8 in Limerick. The zymotic death-rate in the same six Irish towns averaged 0 7 per 1,000 or 1 8 per 1 000 lower than during the preceding period, the highest figure -3 1—being recorded in Belfast, while Cork, Londonderry, Limerick, and Waterford registered no deaths under this heading at all

During the week ending Saturday, December 28th, 1907, 328 births and 362 deaths were registered in six of the principal Irish towns, as against 483 births and 430 deaths in the preceding period. The annual death-rate in these towns, which had been 22 8, 22.2, and 21 3 per 1.000 in the three preceding weeks, fell to 17.9 per 1.000 in the week under notice, this figure being 3 2 per 1,000 higher than the mean annual rate in the seventy-six English towns for the corresponding period. The figures ranged from 7.4 in Limerick and 10 9 in Londonderry to 23.9 in Belfast and 25 3 in Waterford The zymotic death-rate in the same six Irish towns averaged 1 4 per 1.000, or 0.7 per 1 000 higher than during the preceding period, the highest figure—3 0—being recorded in Belfast, while Cork and Londonderry registered no deaths under this heading at all. The deaths in Belfast of this class were principally due to measles.

Vacancies and Appointments.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column, advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Wednesday morning.

VACANCIES.

BURSLEM EDUCATION COMMITTEE—Lady doctor. Salary at the rate of £150 per annum, rising to £200.

CARDIFF INFIRMARY.—(1) Medical Officer in charge of Electrical Department Salary, £150 per annum. (2) House-Physician. Honorarium, £30 for six months.

CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL.—Assistant Physician.

CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE HOSPITAL.—Senior House-Surgeon Salary, £120 per annum.

DEVONPORT: ROYAL ALBERT HOSPITAL.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum.

DUNDEE ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Investigator to work in the Caird Cancer Pavilion of the Hospital.

EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Shadwell, E.—(1) Second Medical Officer to the Casualty Department. Salary at the rate of £40 per annum. (2) Medical Officer for Electrical Department.

ENNISKILLEN: FERMANAGH COUNTY HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £-2 per annum.

HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST. Brompton, S.W.—Resident House-Physicians. Honorarium, £25 for six months.

HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Soho.—Eight Clinical Assistants for Out-patient Department.

LEEDS PUBLIC DISPENSARY.—(1) Honorary Pathologist. (2) Five Honorary Dental Surgeons. (3) Four Honorary Assistant Dental Surgeons.

LIVERPOOL INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL.—Assistant Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum.

LONDON FEVER HOSPITAL, Liverpool Road, N.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £250 per annum.

LONDON LOCK HOSPITAL.—House Surgeon to the Male Hospital, Soho. Salary, £80 per annum.

MANCHESTER EAR HOSPITAL.—(1) Assistant Anaesthetist. (2) Pathologist.

MANCHESTER HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION.—Assistant Medical Officer for the New Crossley Sanatorium. Salary, £100 per annum.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, W C.—Assistant Physician to Out-patients.

NORTHAMPTON GENERAL HOSPITAL—Assistant House Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum, increasing to £60.

NORTH-EASTERN HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Hackney Road, E.—Assistant Physician.

ST. GEORGE'S UNION INFIRMARY, Fulham Road, S W.—Second Assistant Medical Officer. Remuneration, £120 per annum.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL, Paddington, W.—Junior Demonstrator of Physiology. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY.—Demonstrator in Anatomy. Salary, £150 per annum.

SWANSEA COUNTY BOROUGH.—Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £500 per annum.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL, Gower Street, W.C. Resident Medical Officer.

WARRINGTON UNION WORKHOUSE.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum.

WEST END HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM, Welbeck Street, W.—Out-patients' Physician.

WEST RIDING ASYLUM, Wadsley—Fifth Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £140 per annum, rising to £160.

WREXHAM INFIRMARY.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £80 per annum.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The Chief Inspector of Factories announces a vacancy at Dronfield, co. Derby.

APPOINTMENTS.

ATTENBOROUGH, Wilfrid E., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., House-Physician to Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.

BUSH, W. H., L.S.A., District Medical Officer of the Pocklington Union.

COX, W. J., M.B., Ch.B.Vict., Senior Resident Medical Officer to the Crumpsall Workhouse, Manchester.

DAVIS, C. Noel, M.B., B.S.Lond., D.P.H.Camb., Assistant M.O.H. to the Shanghai Municipal Council

DIMOCK, Horace, M.A., M.B., B.C.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., House-Surgeon to Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge

FAIRER, J. A., M.B., Ch.B.Vict., Second Resident Assistant Medical Officer to the Crumpsall Workhouse, Manchester.

HELLIER, John Benjamin, M.D.Lond., Professor of Obstetrics in the University of Leeds, vice C. J. Wright, resigned.

HAILSTONE, J. E., B.A.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant House-Surgeon to Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.

HOURIGAN, W. P., L.R.C.P.Edin., L.R.C.S.I., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Freshford District, co. Kilkenny.

MACLURE, W. J., M.B., Ch.B.Glas., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Conisborough District, co. York.

MCDONALD, G. R., L.R.C.P. and S.I., District Medical Officer of the Tiverton Union.

O'GRADY, F. R., L.R.C.P. and S.I., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Swineford District, co Mayo.

QUENNELL, A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., District Medical Officer of the Billericay Union.

SINCLAIR, H. W., M.B., Resident Medical Officer of the Workhouse and Children's Homes of the Middlesbrough Union.

SPRIGGS, N. I., M.D.Lond., F.R.C.S., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Shrewsbury District, co. Salop.

SANDILANDS, J. E., M.D.Camb., M.R.C.S.Eng., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Winchester District, co. Hants.

VISE, J. N. B., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.Eng., Medical Officer of Health, Borough of Chard.

WALKER, G. F. C., M.B., B.S.Vict., Medical Officer of Health, Haverfordwest Rural District.

WHITEHEAD, Francis Henry, L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S.Eng., Medical Officer to the Post Office at Battersea.

YOUNG, Meredith, M.D., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health for the Borough of St. Marylebone.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 3s. 6d., which sum should be forwarded in post-office orders or stamps with the notice not later than Wednesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

BIRTHS.

BOLTON.—On December 21st, 1907, at the County Asylum, Rainhill, the wife of Joseph Shaw Bolton, M.D., M.R.C.P., of a daughter.

LUCKHAM.—On December 28th, 1907, at 47, Winchester Street, Salisbury, the wife of L. S. Luckham, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

DONALDSON—OWEN.—At Maenofferen Chapel, Blaenau-Ffestiniog, North Wales, on December 25th, 1907, by the Rev. David Jones, Robert Donaldson, M.A., M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Waterloo, Liverpool, eldest son of James Donaldson, Ash House, Corstorphine, to Annie, second daughter of John Owen, Bryngoleu, Blaenau-Ffestiniog.

LEICESTER—DOBSON.—On December 3rd, 1907, at S. Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta, by the Rev Walter K. Firminger, B.D., Chaplain of St. Stephen's, Kidderpore, assisted by the Rev. Horace Cogan, D.D., Cathedral Chaplain, Captain J. C. Holdich Leicester, M.D., B.S., B.Sc., M.R.C.P.Lond., F.R.C.S.Eng., I.M.S., eldest son of the late Rev. John Augustus Leicester, to Queenie, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Edwin Dobson, I.M.S.

DEATHS.

DIXON.—On Tuesday, December 24th, 1907, at Oxford Road, Burnley, after a short illness, Dr. Henry Alcock Dixon, aged 58.

LOGAN.—On December 21st, 1907, in London, William Archibald Logan, M.B., F.R.C.S., of Wellington, N.Z., son of James K. Logan, Wellington, New Zealand.

WATSON.—At 16, Charlotte Square Edinburgh, on December 21st, 1907, Sir Patrick Heron Watson, D.L., M.D., LL.D., F.R.C.S.E and I., Honorary Surgeon to the King in Scotland, in his 76th year.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

THURSDAY.

NORTH-EAST LONDON CLINICAL SOCIETY, Prince of Wales's Hospital, Tottenham. 4.15 p.m.—Address by Dr. Robert Hutchison: Modern Theories of Diet in their Relation to Practice.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE:
OBSTETRICAL AND GYNAECOLOGICAL SECTION, 20, Hanover Square, W., 7.45 p.m. Papers:—Mr. J. Bland-Sutton: On Carcinoma of the Ovary from a Clinical Standpoint. Drs. Carver and Fairbairn: On Haemorrhage into the Pons Varolii as a Cause of Eclampsia. Various specimens will also be shown.

UNITED SERVICES MEDICAL SOCIETY, Royal Army Medical College, Millbank, S.W., 8.30 p.m.—Paper:—Major M. P. C. Holt, D.S.O., R.A.M.C.: The Advisability of Operation for Recurrence of Hernia in the Services.

FRIDAY.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE:
CLINICAL SECTION, 20, Hanover Square, W., 8.30 p.m.—Exhibition of cases. Paper:—Dr. Sidney Phillips: A Case of Fatal Illness in a Child, with *Post-mortem* Appearances of the "Status Lymphaticus."

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

MEDICAL GRADUATES' COLLEGE AND POLYCLINIC, 22, Chenies Street, W.C.—The following clinical demonstrations have been arranged for next week at 4 p.m. each day: Tuesday, Medical; Wednesday, Surgical; Thursday, Surgical; Friday, Throat. Lectures at 5.15 p.m. each day will be given as follow: Tuesday, The Diagnosis and Treatment of Inflammation of the Fallopian Tubes; Wednesday, Psychasthenia; Thursday, Some Special Methods of Administering Chloroform and their Relative Advantages.

MOUNT VERNON HOSPITAL, Out-patient Department, Fitzroy Square, W.—Thursday, 5 p.m., Angina Pectoris.

BOOKS, ETC., RECEIVED.

Paris: J. Rousset:
Traité Pratique d'Hypnotisme et de Suggestion Thérapeutiques. Procédés d'Hypnotisation simples, rapides, inoffensifs. Par M. G. Bonnet. Deuxième édition. 1907. Fr 3.50.
Traité Clinique des Maladies de l'Estomac. Par le Dr. L. Pron. 1908. M 12.

University of Bombay. The Calendar for the Year 1907-1908. Vols. i and ii (Examination Papers of 1906-1907). Bombay: The University. 1907. Vol. i, Rs.1-8-0; vol. ii, R.1.

The Commoner Diseases of the Eye. By C. A. Wood, M.D., C.M., D.C.L., and T. A. Woodruff, M.D., C.M., L.R.C.P. Third edition. Chicago: W. T. Keener and Co. 1907. $2.50.

Traitement de la Tuberculose par la Paratoxine basé sur l'Action Antitoxique du Foie. Par E. Gérard and G. Lemoine. Paris: Vigot Frères. 1907. F.1.50.

München: J. F. Lehmann. 1908:
Drei Jahre Gallensteinchirurgie. Von Professor Dr. H. Kehr, Dr. Siebold, and Oberarzt Dr. Neuling. M 14.
Schema des Rumpfes. Von Priv. Dr. W. Hildebrandt. Taschenausgabe. M.1.20.
Die Entwicklungsgeschichte des Talentes und Genies. Von Dr. A. Reibmayr. Erster Band. M 10.

The Doctor in the Schools. By H. Stuart, M.D.Lond., F.R.C.S.E., D.P.H.Cantab. London: H. K. Lewis. 1908. 1s.

Reflections on Plague and the Methods of Checking It. By P. M. Kanga, B.A., LL.B. Bombay: Education Society's Press. 1907.

The Sanitary Record Year Book and Diary, 1908. London: The Sanitary Publishing Co. 2s. 6d.

Herbert Fry's Royal Guide to the London Charities. Edited by J. Lane. Forty-fourth edition. London: Chatto and Windus. 1908. 1s. 6d.

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CALENDAR OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Date.	Meetings to be Held.
JANUARY.	
3 FRIDAY ...	LONDON: Standing Ethical Subcommittee, 2 p.m.
4 SATURDAY...	
5 Sunday ...	
6 MONDAY ...	
7 TUESDAY ...	LONDON: Public Health Committee, 3.15 p.m. WEST SOMERSET BRANCH, Special Meeting, Taunton and Somerset Hospital, 3.30 p.m.
8 WEDNESDAY	LONDON: Medico-Political Committee, 2.30 p.m. GUILDFORD DIVISION, *South-Eastern Branch*, Special Meeting, Lion Hotel, Guildford, 4.30 p.m.
9 THURSDAY...	LONDON: Hospitals Committee, 2.30 p.m. LONDON: Metropolitan Counties Branch Council, 5 p.m. HAMPSTEAD DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch.*
10 FRIDAY ...	LONDON: Central Ethical Committee, 11.15 a.m. LONDON: Premises Committee, 2.15 p.m. TOTTENHAM DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Rooms of the Hornsey Conservative Association (opposite Finsbury Park Station), 9.15 p.m.
11 SATURDAY...	
12 Sunday ...	
13 MONDAY ...	
14 TUESDAY ...	LONDON: Organization Committee, 11 a.m.
15 WEDNESDAY	CARDIFF DIVISION, *South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch*, Cardiff.

Date.	Meetings to be Held.
JANUARY *(Continued).*	
16 THURSDAY...	
17 FRIDAY ...	
18 SATURDAY...	
19 Sunday ...	
20 MONDAY ...	
21 TUESDAY ...	
22 WEDNESDAY	LONDON: Journal and Finance Committee, 2.30 p.m.
23 THURSDAY...	MIDLAND BRANCH, Branch Council, Royal Infirmary, Derby. WANDSWORTH DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Bolingbroke Hospital, 4 p.m.
24 FRIDAY ...	
25 SATURDAY...	
26 Sunday ...	
27 MONDAY ...	
28 TUESDAY ...	CITY DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Business Meeting, Great Eastern Hotel, 4 p.m.
29 WEDNESDAY	CENTRAL COUNCIL, Metropolitan Asylums Board, Victoria Embankment, 2 p.m. BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH, Bristol.
30 THURSDAY...	
31 FRIDAY ...	
FEBRUARY.	
1 SATURDAY...	
2 Sunday ...	
3 MONDAY ...	
4 TUESDAY ...	

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